

OPPOSITION TO OPIUM.

Rev. H. W. Peck Particularizes Weak Points.

THE EVILS WHICH FOLLOW.

Effect Upon the Community—Four Dens for Honolulu—Free Use Means Death to Hawaiians—Japanese Not Addicted—Sunday Pipe Hitters, etc.

MR. EDITOR:—The opium bill now before the Senate is one of the best of its kind drawn, yet it of necessity has many vicious clauses.

Its promoters very frankly give us their opinion as to whom the customers will be. Section 26 provides that after the name of the firm holding the license there shall be placed on the sign "Licensed Opium Dealer," together with the Hawaiian and Chinese equivalents of said words. The sign is to be placed and lettered so that it can be "conveniently read at a distance of one hundred feet." Whether the promoters thought that the Japanese Government might not relish the thought of Hawaii trying to teach its citizens the opium habit and thus omitted the Japanese equivalent is not known.

Under the bill we can have four opium houses (dens) in Honolulu. They are to be in "good sanitary condition," which to anyone having any knowledge of the sanitary conditions of Chinatown in Honolulu seems a farcical attempt to make the bill appear respectable.

These houses are to have at least twelve outfits for indulgence in the vice, and as many more as the demand requires. It is a certainty that there will be more. After being open all day, these dens are to be closed at 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. each working day, but anyone on the premises before 10 p.m. can stay. The law also provides for a debauch from Saturday at 10 p.m. to Monday 6 a.m. That will give for Chinese cooks, laborers, vegetable men and their Hawaiian and white friends a chance to have an all night, or all Sunday, opium debauch and get around before 7 the next morning to work, fresh and ready for business. Nor are the sugar, rice, coffee and banana plantations to be slighted.

The bill provides (Section 19) that the licensee may "fit up and equip for opium smoking as provided in Section 18 hereof," additional premises in any part of his licensed territory" (except in Honolulu, where we can have only four). That will enable the Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiians and whites on the plantations to "hit the opium pipe" during the night, and turn out and hoe cane in the morning. It may seem a little prosaic, after a night of bliss, but no matter.

We must shut out these iniquitous smugglers by getting the monetary benefits of the devilish traffic for ourselves. Morals and intelligence and thrift and manliness and common decency don't count, we must have a few thousands a year anyway!

This bill is a gross injustice to every Christian man and woman in the community who is striving to lessen the evil effects of vices now prevalent. It is by far the worst stab in the back that the Republic of Hawaii has received since its beginning on the 17th of January, 1893.

This opium bill is the twin sister and predecessor of "lottery bills." Practically the same argument, used for it, can be used with equally good reason for establishing a lottery in Hawaii. We have appealed to the Christian reason and sentiment of the United States for help and sympathy. Some of the promoters of this bill were among the most active in doing so, now they turn about and practically say that their plea was but a humbug and a sham. If that is their position it is not that of the large majority of the men who in 1893 overturned the former government because of opium, lottery and the attempt to destroy the constitution. There may be a larger number in this community who favor an opium license but at least three-fourths of them are those who bitterly opposed the formation of the Republic, are now its enemies, and would rejoice to see this Government give the lie to its claims for recognition as a good, honest attempt to give good government to Hawaii.

If we wish to use the good name and influence of the better elements of the United States it will cer-

tainly not be done by promoting such bills. The promoters of this opium bill, some actively and some by their silence condemned or acquiesced in the condemnation of the ex-queen's government on account of a similar bill, then passed. Let them be consistent now.

HARCOURT W. PECK.

BENEFIT SATURDAY NIGHT. House Packed to the Doors—Some Good Work by Amateurs.

The benefit to Price and Burns on Saturday night was a great success both in a financial as well as artistic point of view. Some excellent numbers were rendered by the regular members of the circus company, but the real gem of the evening was the club swinging by B. L. Finney.

The young man was introduced as one who would give an exhibition of fancy work with clubs, and the result was far beyond the expectations of any one present. He was generously applauded and obliged to respond to an encore. Mr. Wirth and Mr. Burns pronounce Mr. Finney the greatest club swinger they have ever met. He has volunteered to appear at the testimonial to be given Mrs. Wirth on Tuesday evening.

In the horizontal bar competition, Sam Johnson was the only one to take part, and he acquitted himself satisfactorily.

Concert at Emma Square.

At 7:30 o'clock this evening the public will have a chance to listen to some good music by the Hawaiian band at Emma Square. The program, which contains a number made up of three Hawaiian solos, a feature that has not been introduced for three years on account of the lack of Hawaiian singers, is as follows:

- PART I.
1. Overture—"Italian Style"..... Schubert
 2. Piccolo Solo—"The Humming Bird"..... Mr. Santanna.
 3. Clarinet Solo—"Home Sweet Home"..... Mr. McLeod.
 4. Three Hawaiian Solos and Choruses—"Poli Pumehana," "Mikioi," and "Malu i ke Ao."
- PART II.
5. "Reminiscences of Rossini" (by request)..... Godfrey
 6. Waltz—"Commence the Ball"..... Coote
 7. Fantasia—"Let's be a Soldier"..... Ellenberg
 8. Lances—"Scotch Melodies"..... Woods
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All bids must be endorsed "Tender for Printing Laws," and must be made in conformity with the above items as specified. The Minister of the Interior does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any bid.

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